

Having described my invention above, I claim:

1. A method for preventing injury to an animal in a post-surgical veterinary setting, including the steps of:

providing a pillow with elongated straight section, a first curved section attached at the top of said straight section and rotating between 185 and 235 degrees, and an second section attached to said first curved section at a first end, said second section having a second end extending , wherein the inside point of said second end of said second section is at least 50 percent closer to the inside edge of the elongated section than the inside point of the second section at said first end;

placing said anesthetized animal such that the back of said animal is along the inner side of the elongated straight section of said pillow;

placing the head of the anesthetized animal such that it at least partially lies across the first curved section;

arranging said animal such that the second section creates at least a small amount of pressure on the torso or front of said anesthetized animal, whereby the animal is protected during awakening from anesthesia.

2. The method of claim 1, further including the step of straddling the front paws of said animal across said first curved portion.

3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said pillow is made of a washable and sanitizable material, such that said pillow may be used multiple times.

4. The method as recited in claim 3, further including the step of sanitizing said pillow after use.

5. The method as recited in claim 3, wherein said sanitizing step includes washing said pillow with a chemical.

6. The method as recited in claim 3, wherein said sanitizing step includes heat or radiation treatment of said pillow.

7. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said pillow has a covering made of vinyl.

8. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said pillow has a covering made of polypropylene.

9. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said pillow is filled with poly-fill.

10. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said animal is between 5 and 75 pounds.

11. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said second section extends least a third and no more than two thirds of the total distance of the length of the pillow.

12. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said arc is between 195 and 220 degrees.

13. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said pillow is filled with a material including natural and synthetic fibers.

14. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said pillow includes a core of compressed polyester.

15. A method for preventing injury to an animal in a post-surgical veterinary setting, including the steps of:

providing a pillow with elongated straight section, a first curved section attached at the top of said straight section and rotating between 185 and 235 degrees, and an second section attached to said first curved section at a first end, said second section having a second end extending towards said elongated section;

placing the anesthetized animal such that a first anatomical portion of said animal is along the inner side of the elongated straight section of said pillow;

placing the head of the anesthetized animal such that it at least partially lies across the first curved section;

wherein said second end of said second section creates at least a small amount of pressure on a second anatomical part of said anesthetized animal, whereby the animal is protected during awakening from anesthesia.

16. The method as recited in claim 15, wherein said first anatomical part is an injured part of said animal.
17. The method as recited in claim 15, wherein said second anatomical part is an injured part of said animal.
18. The method as recited in claim 15, wherein said second anatomic part is the side of said animal.
19. The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the back of said animal is facing at least partially upward.
20. A method for manufacturing a pillow for veterinary use, including the acts of:
 - creating a empty shell of a material appropriate for use a covering for a veterinary pillow, said empty shell having a long portion, a curved portion and a short portion, all of said portions configured in a hook shape, and ;
 - filling said empty shell with a material appropriate for use in a veterinary pillow, such that said short portion extends back to said long portion and the arc of said curved portion is greater than 185 degrees.